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**Refining aqs acrylamide solns - by treatment with active charcoal contg adsorbed cupric ions, to elimante changes in co**

**Patent Assignee: MITK (MITK); MITSUI TOATSU CHEM INC (MITK)**

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**The aqs. acrylamide soln. is obtained by a catalytic hydration process from acrylonitrile using a Cu catalyst and the active C material is pre-treated e.g. with aqs. Cu(NO3)2 soln., so that it**

*contains adsorbed is not <0.05 pt. Cu/100 pt. active C.*

**Title Terms /Index Terms/Additional Words:** *REFINE; ACRYLAMIDE; SOLUTION; TREAT; ACTIVE; CHARCOAL; CONTAIN; ADSORB; CUPRIC; ION; CHANGE; CO*

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*Verfahren zur Reinigung von waessrigen Acrylamid-Loesungen*

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*Claim:*

- *1. Verfahren zur Reinigung von waessrigen Acrylamid-Loesungen, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass man diese Loesung mit Aktivkohle behandelt, welche vorher Kupfer-II-Ionen absorbiert hat.*

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***There is disclosed an acrylamide aqueous solution refining process wherein an acrylamide aqueous solution obtained through a catalytic hydration process etc. is distilled to remove acrylonitrile when necessary; then is treated with active carbon, which has been arranged to adsorb cupric ion before use so that the polymerization of acrylamide that tends to take place around active carbon can be prevented thereby; and, if necessary, deionization is carried out by means of ion-exchange resin.***